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1. AMBASSADOR INFORMED COLOMBO PLAN BUREAU DIRECTOR MCGREGOR BY TELEPHONE SEPTEMBER 23 OF USG INABILITY TO HOST 1976 COLOMBO PLAN MEETING AND CONFIRMED DECISION BY LETTER BASED ON REFTEL A. MCGREGOR EXPRESSED REGRET AND DISAPPOINTMENT. HE RECALLED THAT US REPRESENTATIVE AT WELLINGTON CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HAD EXTENDED INVITATION FOR 1976 AND NOTED THAT IT WAS CONSIDERED PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE THAT COLOMBO PLAN SHOULD MEET IN WASHINGTON AT TIME OF US BICENTENNIAL. MCGREGOR SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHICH COUNTRIES MIGHT BE ABLE TO PICK UP HOST-SHIP FOR 1976 BUT SPECULATED THAT EITHER IRAN OR JAPAN MIGHT BE POSSIBILITIES.

2. WITHOUT RELATING TWO SUBJECTS, MCGREGOR
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WENT ON TO SAY THAT ARTHUR BASNAYAKE, DIRECTOR

GENERAL IN SRI LANKA'S FOREIGN OFFICE, HAD JUST TOLD HIM
THAT INSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN
SENT TO GSL AMBASSADOR IN PEKING REQUESTING
HIM TO EXTEND INVITATIONS TO SOUTH VIETNAM,
LAOS, AND CAMBODIA TO ATTEND
COLOMBO PLAN CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
SCHEDULED FOR COLOMBO NOVEMBER 25-DECEMBER 3,
1975. IN ORDER ENCOURGE PARTICIPATION, SRI
LANKA AMBASSADOR ALSO HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO
FOLLOW UP INVITATIONS WITH PERSONAL APPROACHES
TO PEKING REPRESENTATIVES OF THESE INDO CHINA
STATES.
VAN HOLLEN

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